

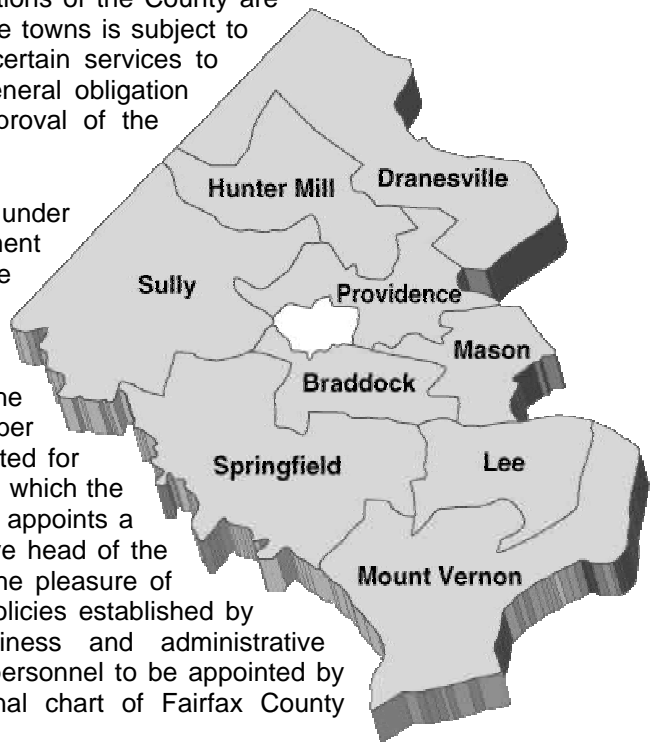
COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Fairfax County Government

In Virginia, cities and counties are distinct units of government and do not overlap. Fairfax County completely surrounds the City of Fairfax and is adjacent to the City of Falls Church and the City of Alexandria. Property within these cities is not subject to taxation by Fairfax County, and the County generally is not required to provide governmental services to their residents. However, pursuant to agreements with these cities, the County does provide certain services to their residents.

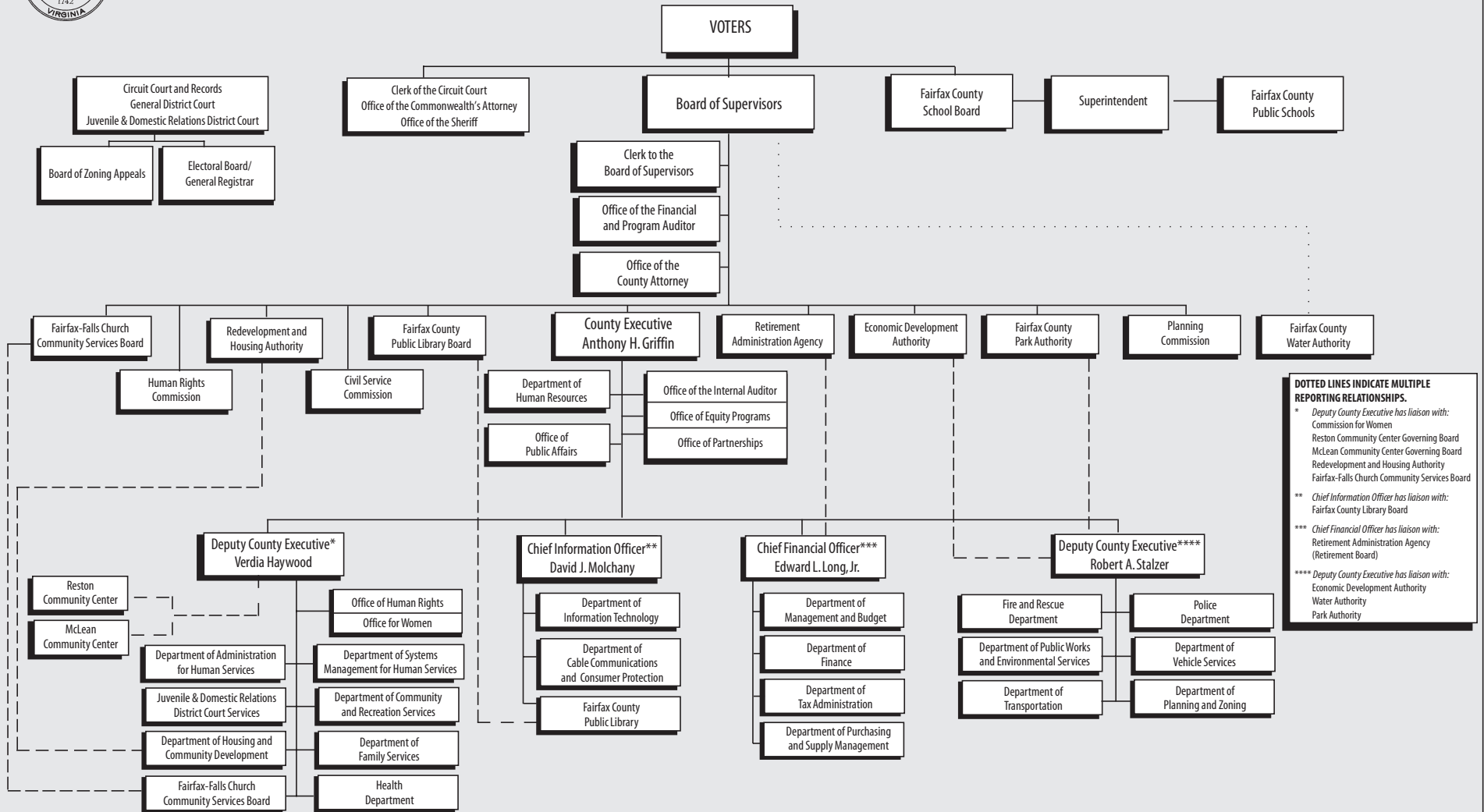
In Fairfax County, there are three incorporated towns - Clifton, Herndon and Vienna - which are overlapping units of government within the County. With certain limitations prescribed by the *Code of Virginia*, the ordinances and regulations of the County are generally affected in them. Property in these towns is subject to County taxation and the County provides certain services to their residents. These towns may incur general obligation bonded indebtedness without the prior approval of the County.

The Fairfax County government is organized under the Urban County Executive form of government as defined under the *Code of Virginia*. The governing body of the County is the Board of Supervisors, which makes policies for the administration of the County. The Board of Supervisors consists of ten members: the Chairman, elected at large, and one member from each of nine supervisory districts, elected for four year terms by the voters of the district in which the member resides. The Board of Supervisors appoints a County Executive to act as the administrative head of the County. The County Executive serves at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors, carries out the policies established by the Board of Supervisors, directs business and administrative procedures, and recommends officers and personnel to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. An organizational chart of Fairfax County government is provided on the next page.





ORGANIZATION OF FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT



COUNTY ORGANIZATION

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appeal Groups

Board of Building Code Appeals
Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments
Board of Zoning Appeals¹
Civil Service Commission
Human Rights Commission
Planning Commission

Management Groups

Audit Committee (3 Board Members, 2 Citizens)
Celebrate Fairfax, Incorporated
Economic Development Authority
Electoral Board
Fairfax County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees
Fairfax County Park Authority
Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees
Fairfax County Water Authority
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Industrial Development Authority of Fairfax County, Virginia
McLean Community Center Governing Board
Police Officers Retirement System Board of Trustees
Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Reston Community Center Governing Board
Uniformed Retirement System Board of Trustees

Regional Agencies to which Fairfax County Contributes

Health Systems Agency Board
Metropolitan Washington Airports (MWA) Policy Committee
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
National Association of Counties
Northern Virginia Community College Board
Northern Virginia Regional Commission
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority
Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council
Route 28 Highway Transportation District Advisory Board
Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority
Virginia Association of Counties
Virginia Municipal League
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

¹ The members of this group are appointed by the 19th Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia.

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Advisory Groups

Advisory Plans Examiner Board
Advisory Social Services Board
Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board
Agricultural and Forestal Districts Advisory Committee
Airports Advisory Committee
Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board
Architectural Review Board
Athletic Council
Character Counts Task Force
Child Care Advisory Council
Commission on Aging
Commission for Women
Community Action Advisory Board
Community Improvement Committee
Community Policy and Management Team for Services to At-Risk Youth and Families
Consumer Protection Commission
Countywide Non-Motorized Transportation (Trails) Committee
Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Employer Child Care Development Council
Engineering Standards Review Committee
Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Fairfax County Animal Services Advisory Commission
Fairfax Area Disability Services Board
Fairfax County Community Criminal Justice Board
Fairfax County Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation
Fairfax County Construction Trades Advisory Board
Fairfax County Human Services Council
Fairfax County Wetlands Board
Geotechnical Review Board
Health Care Advisory Board
A. Heath Onthank Memorial Award Selection Committee
History Commission
Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee
Juvenile Court Citizen Advisory Council
Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving
Planning Commission
Road Viewers Board
Security Alarm System Commission
Small Business Commission, Fairfax County
Telecommunications Land Use Regulations Task Force
Tenant Landlord Commission
Transportation Advisory Commission
Tree Commission
Volunteer Fire Commission
Youth Basketball Advisory Council

BUDGET PROCESS

Budget Documents

The Fairfax County Budget Plan is presented in several volumes. A brief description of each document is summarized below:

The Citizen's Guide includes a summary of the key facts, figures and highlights of the budget.

The Budget Overview summarizes the budget, thereby allowing a complete examination of the budget through this document. The Overview contains the County Executive's message to the Board of Supervisors; a summary of the County's fiscal condition, allocation of resources, financial history; and projections of future revenues and expenditure requirements. Also included is information on the County's taxes and fees; demographic trends; direct spending by County departments; transfers to other public organizations, such as the public schools and Metro; and, funded construction projects.

Volume 1 – General Fund details the budgets for County departments and agencies funded from general tax revenue such as real estate and personal property taxes. Included are detailed budget schedules and tables organized by accounting classification, positions, and other categories, as well as summaries of budgets by program area, department and agency. Also included is an organizational chart, goals, objectives, and performance indicators for each department and agency.

Volume 2 – Capital Construction and Other Operating Funds details budgets for County departments, agencies, construction projects and programs funded from non-general fund revenue sources, or from a mix of general fund and non-general fund sources, such as federal or state grants, proceeds from the sale of bonds, user fees, and special tax districts. Included are detailed budget schedules and tables organized by accounting classification, as well as budget summaries by fund group. This volume also details information associated with Fairfax County funding for Contributory Agencies.

Capital Projects Appendix Volume details the capital construction budget by project. All active projects are outlined in a Project Detail Sheet, including location, Supervisory District, project description, completion dates, and sources of funding. It should be noted that this volume is published only as part of the Advertised Budget Plan.

*To view information on Fairfax County's budget and budget process via the Worldwide Web, go to **<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>***

GENERAL NOTE

All years referred to in this and other documents are fiscal years unless otherwise noted.

BUDGET PROCESS

THE BUDGET CYCLE

The budget has several major purposes. It converts the County's long-range plans and policies into services and programs; serves as a vehicle to communicate these plans to the public; details the costs of County services and programs; and, outlines the revenues (taxes and fees) that support the County's services, including the rate of taxation for the coming fiscal year. Once the budget has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors, it becomes a work plan of objectives to be accomplished during the next fiscal year.

The annual Fairfax County budgetary process is an ongoing cyclical process simultaneously looking at two fiscal years (current and future). The budget year officially starts on July 1; however, the budget process itself is a continuum which involves both the current year budget and the next fiscal year's budget. Changes to the current year budget are made at the Third Quarter and Carryover Reviews. The Carryover Review both closes out the current year and revises the expenditure level for the subsequent year. These changes must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. During the fiscal year, quarterly reviews of revenue and expenditures are undertaken by the Department of Management and Budget, and any necessary adjustments are made to the budget. On the basis of these reviews, the Board of Supervisors revises appropriations. Public hearings are held prior to Board action when potential appropriation increases are greater than \$500,000.

Citizen involvement and understanding of the budget are a key part of the review process. Public hearings on the County Executive's FY 2003 Advertised Budget Plan and the FY 2003 - FY 2007 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) were held on April 8, 9 and 10, 2002.

The mark-up of the FY 2003 budget occurred on Monday, April 22, 2002, and the Board of Supervisors formally adopted the FY 2003 Budget Plan on Monday, April 29, 2002.

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July

The End-of-Year Closeout

The end-of-year closeout finalizes actual expenditures for all agencies, and when necessary, the fiscal plan is adjusted to reconcile the actual expenditure amounts. Such adjustments are accomplished through reallocations or supplemental appropriations.

Carryover Review

Carryover represents the analysis of balances remaining from the prior year and provision for the appropriation of funds to cover the prior year's legal obligations (encumbered items) in the new fiscal year without loss of continuity in processing payments. Carryover extends the previous year funding for the purchase of specific items previously approved in the budget process, but for which procurement could not be obtained for various reasons. Funding for those items carried over can be expended without a second full-scale justification and approval procedure.

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September

Budget Submissions

Agencies submit their budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year to the Department of Management and Budget in two parts: the baseline request and the addendum, which includes program expansions and other requests beyond the budget development criteria.

Board of Supervisors' Action on the Carryover Review

Carryover revisions represent the first formal revision to the current year Adopted Budget. After public hearings to allow County citizens to voice their opinions on potential Carryover adjustments, the Board of Supervisors takes action on the Carryover Review as submitted by the County Executive.

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September through November

Review of Budget Submissions

The Department of Management and Budget reviews each agency's budget submission and provides recommendations to the County Executive. These recommendations consist of expenditure analyses and evaluations of agency goals, objectives, and performance measures. This review culminates in an agency narrative, which is included in a package forwarded to the County Executive for review and decision, and ultimately published in the Advertised Budget Plan.

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December through Early January

Department of Management and Budget

The Department of Management and Budget finalizes recommendations on upcoming fiscal year requirements. These recommendations are forwarded to the County Executive, the Deputy County Executives, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer.

Senior Management Meetings

The County Executive meets with the Senior Management Team to discuss budget issues and priorities for the upcoming year and beyond.

County Executive Meetings

The County Executive, Deputy County Executives, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Information Officer and Department of Management and Budget staff meet to discuss budget recommendations.

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The County Executive releases the upcoming year's Advertised Budget Plan, which summarizes estimated revenues, expenditures, transfers, agency goals, objectives and performance data. In addition, sections are included to show major budgetary/financial policies and guidelines used in the fiscal management of the County.

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March through April

Third Quarter Review

In mid-March, Department of Management and Budget conducts the Third Quarter Review on the current year Revised Budget Plan including a line item analysis of expenditure requirements. The Department of Management and Budget's recommendations are forwarded to the County Executive for review and adjustment. The package is then forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for action.

Public Hearings

Public hearings are held on the upcoming year's Advertised Budget Plan, the Capital Improvement Program and the Third Quarter Review providing a forum for County citizens to voice their opinions.

Board of Supervisors' Action on the Third Quarter Review and the Advertised Budget Plan

After public hearings, the Board of Supervisors approves the Third Quarter Review. Included are revisions to current year revenue estimates, which are used as the basis for final adjustments to the next fiscal year's budget. Following the public hearings on the Advertised Budget Plan, the Board of Supervisors conducts a mark-up session in which adjustments to the Advertised Budget Plan are made.

Board of Supervisors' Action on the Adopted Budget Plan and Tax Rate

Following the mark-up session, the Board of Supervisors adopts the budget and establishes the tax rates for the upcoming year.

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Adopted Budget Plan Distributed

Copies of the Adopted Budget Plan are distributed to all County agencies and made available at County libraries and at the Publications Center in the Government Center. The budget is also published on the Department of Management and Budget's website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>.